

AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2014 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 3

3 points

One point is earned for a correct description of the role of the state in Great Britain's health care system.

An acceptable description may include:

- Nationalized, state-provided universal health care system or single-payer health care system
- State directed, funded health care system
- British government created National Health Service (NHS)

One point is earned for a correct description of how the age structure is changing in Great Britain.

An acceptable description is:

- The age structure in Great Britain is getting older.

NOTE: Description of aging must be connected to demographics and indicate a change.

One point is earned for a correct explanation of one consequence of the changing age structure on Great Britain's health care system.

Acceptable explanations include:

- Demands for care will increase.
- Costs for care will increase.
- Need for more health care providers.
- Less tax revenue coming in to pay for health care.
- Increased tax burden on working age population.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an attempted answer that earns no points.

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank answer.

3. Describe the role of the state in Great Britain's health-care system. Describe how the age structure is changing in Great Britain. Explain how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health-care system.

In Great Britain, the state provides health-care for the entire population. However, the health-care system might be affected by the age structure. The ~~the~~ size of the elderly population continues to increase as life expectancy increases and those of the "baby boom" period age. The increasing elderly population has created more cost for health care. However, the younger generations are smaller as people have fewer kids, meaning the labor force and the amount of money it can contribute to the state decreases. The health-care system ~~consequently~~ has to adapt to increased spending with less money to spend, putting a strain on the system.

3. Describe the role of the state in Great Britain's health-care system. Describe how the age structure is changing in Great Britain. Explain how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health-care system.

The nationalized health care in Great Britain is heavily influenced by the government, because it is run by them. Many people in Britain are having less children so the median age is going up, which is also putting stress on health care system.

3. Describe the role of the state in Great Britain's health-care system. Describe how the age structure is changing in Great Britain. Explain how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health-care system.

The role of the state in Great Britain's health-care system is that the government provides health-care for all its citizens. The age structure is changing in Great Britain because more babies are being born so there ~~are more young~~ is a greater young population than the elderly population. This is affecting Great Britain's health-care system by allowing ~~people~~ younger citizens to pay less of a social security tax because there are less elderly to be taken care of.

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2014 SCORING COMMENTARY

Question 3

Overview

The intent of this question was for students to describe the role of the state in Great Britain's health care system, describe the changing age structure in Great Britain, and explain how this changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health care system. The skills tested were descriptive and analytical: to describe Great Britain's provision of nationalized and universal health care, to describe how the age structure is changing, and to explain how Great Britain's aging population has impacted the state's provision of health care services.

Sample: 3A

Score: 3

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the role of the state in Great Britain's health care system by stating, "the state provides health-care for the entire population." The response earned 1 point for correctly describing how the age structure is changing by stating, "The size of the elderly population continues to increase as life expectancy increases and those of the 'baby boom' period age." The response earned 1 point for correctly explaining how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health care system by stating, "the younger generations are smaller as people have fewer kids, meaning the labor force and the amount of money it can contribute to the state decreases."

Sample: 3B

Score: 2

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the role of the state in Great Britain's health care system by stating, "The nationalized health care in Great Britain is heavily influenced by the government, because it is run by them." The response earned 1 point for correctly describing how the age structure is changing by stating, "Many people in Britain are having less children so the median age is going up." The response does not correctly explain how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health care system.

Sample: 3C

Score: 1

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the role of the state in Great Britain's health care system by stating, "the government provides health-care for all its citizens." The response does not correctly describe how the age structure is changing in Great Britain. The response does not correctly explain how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health care system.